

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated July 22, 1998, attached hereto are ten (10) replacement sheets of corrected formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

These replacement sheet, which depict Figures 8, 9, 26, 28a, 28b, 30a, 30b, 32, 33, 49, 62, 63, 64 and 66, replace the original sheets depicting such Figures.

The corrected formal drawing incorporates the following drawing changes:

The solid black shadings are removed from the drawings.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawing be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Office Action dated February 20, 2007, claims 9, 19, 20, 22-25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38-43 45-47, and 50 are allowed and passed to issuance.

By this amendment, the drawings are corrected in compliance with the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated July 22, 1998 and mailed November 26, 1999.

Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Drawing Corrections

The Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated July 22, 1998 objects to Figures 8, 9, 26, 28a, 28b, 30a, 30b, 32, 33, 49, 62, 63, 64 and 66 because solid black shading is not permitted.

Applicants respectfully point out that in amended Figures 8, 9, 26, 28a, 28b, 30a, 30b, 32, 33, 49, 62, 63, 64 and 66, the solid black shading is removed.

As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the drawings and further requests that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicants submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carolyn T. Baumgardner Reg. No. 41,345 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Ten (10) replacement drawing sheets depicting
Figures: 8, 9, 26, 28a, 28b, 30a, 30b, 32, 33, 49, 62, 63, 64 and 66